

House District 39 Representative

Neal W. Foster, Registered Democrat



RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 115 West 4th Avenue
Nome, AK 99762

MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1633
Nome, AK 99762

EMAIL: NealFosterForHouse@yahoo.com

WEBSITE: FosterForHouse.com

AGE: 50

PLACE OF BIRTH: Nome, AK

OCCUPATION: State Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 50 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Nome 1972-1994 and 1997-Current
Anchorage 1994-1997

EDUCATION:
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance,
University of Alaska Anchorage
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Stanford University
Legal & Political Philosophy, Study Abroad at Oxford
University
Nome-Beltz High School, Valedictorian

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska State Representative 2009-2022
Nome City Council 2008-2009
Alaska Workforce Investment Board 2003-2009

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Vice-President of Operations, Sitnasuak Native Corporation (President of Bonanza Fuel and Banner Wind) 1998-2009
Economic Development Specialist, Kawerak 1997-1998
Director, Sitnasuak Native Corporation 2003-2018
Director, Bering Straits Native Corporation 2006-2018
Director, Siu Alaska Corporation 2008-2017

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Pioneers of Alaska 2007-Current
Director, RuralCap 2010-2012
Tribal Member, Nome Eskimo Community

STATEMENT:

The permanent fund dividend (PFD) is more important now compared to prior years, and my fight for the full PFD was critical in securing a record sized dividend this year. As the chair of the finance committee's operating budget, I helped convince my colleagues to also include an energy relief check for each Alaskan to help pay for the increasing cost of heating oil and gasoline. Rural Alaskans can expect to receive approximately \$3,200 per person or \$12,800 per family of four.

With inflation making everything more expensive, it will be important to have someone in office who has the seniority to defend programs important to everyday rural Alaskans. This includes protecting rural Alaska's power-cost-equalization (PCE) program. This reduces the cost of electricity for every one of our homes by up to \$2,000 per year.

Subsistence is incredibly important because it puts food on the table and is part of our local cultures. And yet we have seen multiple fish disasters and resulting closures. This past summer I requested that fish & game reduce the fishing season in Area M along the Aleutians to allow for enough escapement into the Yukon and along western Alaska.

Since Alaska became a state in 1959 our district has only held a finance chairmanship one other time back in 1995. It has not been lost on me how rare and important my three terms as a finance chair have been to effectively protect rural Alaska's interests. Thank you for your continued support.

*The views expressed in this statement are from the candidate and not endorsed by the Division of Elections.
The text of this statement was provided and paid for by the candidate in accordance with AS 15.58.030 and 6 AAC 25.690.*